

# IDENTIFYING HISTORICAL INTEGRITY

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# INTEGRITY

*"The authenticity of a property's historic identity, evidenced by the survival of physical characteristics that existed during the property's prehistoric or historic period."*

*Historic integrity enables a property to illustrate the significant aspects of its past"*

*"Integrity is the ability of a property to convey its significance"*

# INTEGRITY

- Location
- Design
- Setting
- Materials
- Worksmanship
- Feeling
- Association

*"All seven qualities do not need to be present for eligibility as long as the overall sense of the past time and place is evident."*

- *"Historic properties either retain their integrity or they do not" (bulletin 15)*
- Critical relationship exists between significance and integrity
- Integrity is contingent upon significance; the integrity of a given property cannot be evaluated until its significance has been determined
- It is possible for a property to be significant under more than one of the National Register criteria, but to retain integrity only under one

# Evaluating Integrity

Sometimes easy...

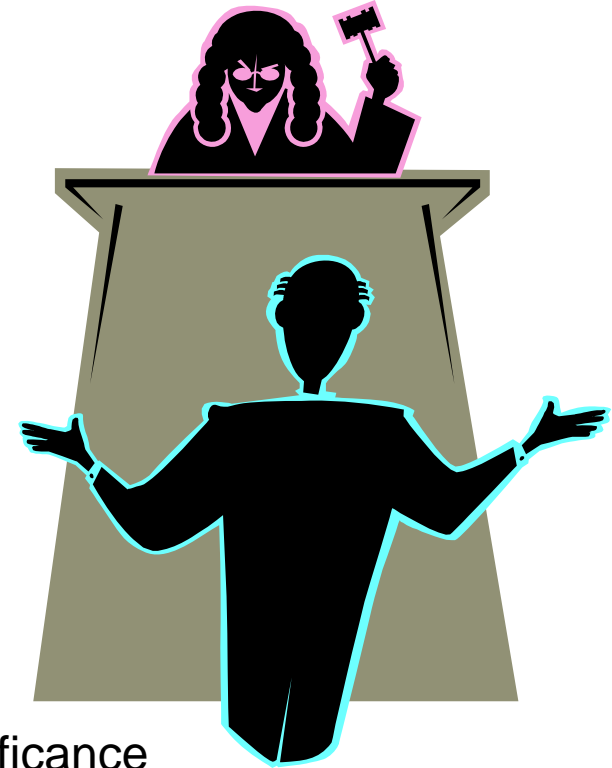
So obvious to be self-evident -intuitive

Sometimes not...

With properties that are complex, unusual, have changed significantly over time (during and after the period of significance), or are significant within multiple contexts:

- Need to weigh the relative importance of each of the seven component qualities
- Need to gain clear perspective on integrity relative to each of the applicable criteria

# Making the Argument



*Step 1:* Determine **significance**

*Step 2:* Identify **essential character-defining** features.

*Step 3:* Determine whether the **essential physical features are visible** enough to convey their significance

*Step 4:* Determine whether the property needs to be **compared with similar properties**.

*Step 5:* Weigh relative importance of aspects of integrity

*Step 6:* Make final determination, with concise explanation of the reasons that the property retains (or does not) integrity

# Case Study - Integrity

- Resource retains sufficient historic fabric and character-defining features to convey its historical significance.
- Resource would be easily recognizable by someone who knew the resource during its period of significance.



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